
WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:
Physicians

Payment for Subsequent Surgeries - Effective November 1, 1994

This is to clarify Medicaid policy regarding reimbursement for multiple surgical procedures performed on the same Medicaid recipient on the same day of service but at a different surgical session.

An article published in the November 23, 1994 MEDIGRAM stated that Wisconsin Medicaid's cutback policy described in the Physician Handbook no longer applies.

The correct description of the policy change is:

Medicaid will no longer cut back maximum allowable payments for circumcisions, D&Cs and sterilizations when performed on the same recipient, on the same day, at a different surgical session.

Medicaid made this change because the above-listed procedures are often done on the same date as delivery, but at a later time. However, such information is not commonly included on the reimbursement claim form and, even when present, is not identified during current claims processing.

Medicaid multiple surgery cutback policy is also modified for non-obstetric procedures, when the surgery is performed on the same recipient, same date of service, but at a different surgical session. However, physicians can obtain full reimbursement for these subsequent surgeries only by submitting an adjustment form, along with clarifying documentation.

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